

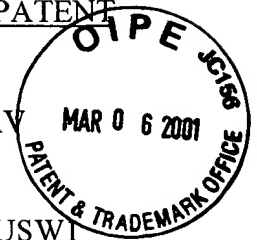
S/N 09/208,105

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SAKAMOTO
Serial No.: 09/208,105
Filed: NOVEMBER 25, 1998
Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH METAL WIRE LAYER MASKING (AS AMENDED HEREIN)

Examiner: O. NADAV
Group Art Unit: 2811
Docket No.: 10233.81USWI



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 29, 2000, said period of response being extended from December 29, 2000 to February 28, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$390.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.



Respectfully submitted,

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